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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 27, 2003, Applicant elects, without traverse, the species identified by the Examiner as Embodiment 1 drawn to Figure 1.

Based on the election of the species identified by the Examiner as Embodiment 1 (Figure 1), Applicant respectfully requests consideration of claims 1-59 for at least the following reasons.

Claims 1-5 and 11-20 are directed to a hearing aid, such as can be illustrated by the system in Figure 1 (Embodiment 1). Claims 6-10 are directed to a method for providing automatic gain control such as performed by the system illustrated in Figure 1 (Embodiment 1). Claims 21-49 are directed to a gain control, such as included in the system illustrated in Figure 1 (Embodiment 1). Claims 50-59 are directed to a method for controlling a gain of an amplifier, such as performed by the system illustrated in Figure 1 (Embodiment 1).